



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : Group Art Unit 1744
CARLOS ORLANDO VILACHA :
ZANONI ET AL. : **CROWN CLOSURE HAVING A
REDUCED RADIUS AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURE**
Serial No. 09/745,098 :
Filed December 20, 2000 : Attorney Docket No. 286765-00001

**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

April 6, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**ATTENTION: Application Processing Division
Box Missing Parts**

Sir:

Please find enclosed the Declaration of the inventors along with a check for the late filing fee.

With regard to the omitted items, specifically Figures 1B, 1C, 2B and 2C, Applicants declare that these figures are incorporated with Figures 1 and 2. Figures 1 and 3 include three figures each: a side view, a cross-sectional view and a top view. These views correspond to the views #A, #B and #C. Upon an indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants will submit properly labeled and formatted figures.

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Respectfully submitted,


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| | | Filing Date | December 20, 2000 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Carlos Orlando Vilacha |
| | | Group Art Unit | Zanoni 1744 |
| | | Examiner Name | |
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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| Firm or Individual name | David C. Jenkins Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC |
| Signature | |
| Date | April 6, 2001 |

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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| 101 | 710 | 201 355 Utility filing fee | |
| 106 | 320 | 206 160 Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 490 | 207 245 Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 710 | 208 355 Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 75 Provisional filing fee | |

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 103 | 18 | 203 9 Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 80 | 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 270 | 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 80 | 209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 105 | 130 | 205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | 65.00 |
| 127 | 50 | 227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 130 Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 195 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 445 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 155 Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 135 Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 220 Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 300 Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 710 | 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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Date Mailed: 02/06/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:



- Figure(s) 1B,1C and 2B,2C described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the PTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the PTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the PTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b)**. In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the PTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the PTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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